

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SECTION

Bibliographies on special subjects have been compiled on request. At the request of UNESCO, a list of representative New Zealand books published from 1939 to 1946 was prepared and has been issued to many libraries, both in New Zealand and overseas. Bibliographies on Antarctica, United Nations, and Katherine Mansfield have been completed. Plans are being made for the provision of select reading-lists for public-library use to meet the need for this class of aid.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

The undermentioned figures show the increase in inter-library loan requests handled by the National Library Service. The total number of cards received during the past year (6,159) shows a less than proportionate increase by comparison with previous years.

BOOK RESOURCES

—	1944-45.	Per- centage.	1945-46.	Per- centage.	1946-47.	Per- centage.	1947-48.	Per- centage.	
Number of inter-loan cards received	1,735	100·0	3,029	100·0	5,684	100·0	6,159	100·0	
Supplied from National Library Service	860	49·7	1,428	47·1	2,794	49·2	3,293	53·5	
Supplied from other Wellington libraries	295	17·0	522	17·2	794	14·0	687	11·1	
Supplied from Union Catalogue records	103	5·9	232	7·7	358	6·3	352	5·7	
Supplied from Check-list of Serials	..	..	..	..	73	1·3	79	1·3	
Items previously on <i>Book Resources</i>	14	0·9	17	0·6	42	0·7	68	1·1	
Items held over for further checking	..	..	..	..	41	0·7	54	0·9	
Items cancelled by requesting library	..	..	..	..	10	0·2	8	0·1	
Rejected as outside scope of inter-loan	37	2·2	84	2·8	103	1·8	101	1·7	
Referred back for further information	..	..	..	..	104	1·8	179	2·9	
Listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	..	426	24·3	746	24·6	1,365	24·0	1,338	21·7
	1,735	100·0	3,029	100·0	5,684	100·0	6,159	100·0	
Total number of items listed on <i>Book Resources</i> —									
Inter-loan requests listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	426	59·8	746	63·7	1,365	74·8	1,338	64·3	
Items referred back and reported missing, later listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	..	..	..	..	127	7·0	105	5·0	
Items requested by National Library Service	286	40·2	426	36·3	332	18·2	639	30·7	
	712	100·0	1,172	100·0	1,824	100·0	2,082	100·0	
Items located through <i>Book Resources</i>	288	40·4	417	35·6	619	33·9	716	34·4	

LIBRARIES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

A scheme for centralized departmental book buying and cataloguing with a reference service based on a 1946 report of the Librarian, National Centre, as modified by the recommendations of an inter-departmental committee, was brought into operation on